AMY L. DOBBERTEEN 1 Assistant Deputy Director, Bar No. 155111 DEBRA L. DENTON Assistant Chief Counsel, Bar No. 164482 TROY R. SZABO 3 Staff Counsel, Bar No. 219387 CALIFORNIÁ DEPARTMENT OF 4 MANAGED HEALTH CARE Office of Enforcement DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE 980 Ninth Street, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95814-7243 6 Telephone: (916) 323-0435 (916) 323-0438 7 Facsimile: Attorneys for Complainant 8 9 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE 10 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 IN THE MATTER OF: DMHC No.: 04-393 12 HEALTHCARE ADVANTAGE, LLC. 13 ORDER RE LICENSURE 14 Respondent. 15 16 17 HEALTHCARE ADVANTAGE, LLC. TO: 861 S.W. 78th Avenue, Suite 200 18 Plantation, FL 33324 19 20 The Department of Managed Health Care (the "Department") has determined that Healthcare Advantage, LLC ("Healthcare Advantage") is operating as a health care service 21 plan within the meaning of Health and Safety Code sections 1345(f) and 1399.5. Healthcare 22 Advantage has represented through its counsel that it has agreed to file an application for 23 licensure with the Department. Based thereon, the Department makes the following order. 24 25 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: A. Healthcare Advantage shall: 26 On or before August 2, 2005, Healthcare Advantage shall contact the 27 1. 28 Department and obtain a login identification number and a password in

order to electronically submit an application for licensure under the
Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, as amended, Health
and Safety Code section 1340 et seq. (the "Knox-Keene Act");

- 2. On or before October 3, 2005, file an application for licensure under the Knox-Keene Act and, if applicable, provide sufficient proof to establish an exemption or waiver pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 1343(b) and/or 1343.5;
- 3. After the application for licensure is filed, demonstrate efforts satisfactory to the Department, to timely resolve all issues identified by the Department in the licensing process and complete the licensure process in a timely manner;
- 4. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of this Order, implement operational changes necessary and sufficient for full compliance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code sections 1365(a), 1365.5, 1366, 1367(b), (c), (d), (e)(1), (f), (g) and (h)(1); 1368.02(b), 1373(a), 1379, 1381, 1384(a), (d) and (f); 1385 and 1395;
- 5. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of this Order, establish and submit to the Department for approval a grievance system in compliance with Health and Safety Code sections 1368 and 1368.01, and California Code of Regulations, title 28, section 1300.68, as applicable;
- 6. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of this Order, revise, as necessary, all of its materials provided to or made available to Healthcare Advantage's members for full compliance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code Sections 1363 and 1363.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 28, sections 1300.63, 1300.63.1, 1300.63.2 and 1300.67.4, as applicable;

- 7. Within thirty (30) days of the Department approving Healthcare
  Advantage's grievance process established pursuant to paragraph 5
  above, distribute all materials revised pursuant to paragraph 7 above,
  including disclosure of the grievance process approved by the
  Department;
- 8. Commencing on July 1, 2005, and continuing each month thereafter until the licensure process is completed, submit to the Department a monthly report of all complaints by California members, including the reason for each complaint and the disposition of each;
- 9. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of this Order, submit for the Department's prior review and approval any and all advertising and marketing materials to be used in connection with the sale of memberships in Healthcare Advantage and demonstrate compliance with Health and Safety Code sections 1360, 1360.1 and 1361;
- 10. Effective immediately, shall not sell or offer any insurance product or coverage under any group policy in connection with the sale of memberships in Healthcare Advantage; and
- 11. Within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the issuance of this Order, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department, that Healthcare Advantage is providing a quantifiable and non-illusory benefit to its members in California.
- B. The Department may extend the time during which Healthcare Advantage may do any act enumerated herein if it is satisfied that Healthcare Advantage is making reasonable progress, but this provision shall not create any obligation, promise or expectation that time will be extended, nor shall the fact that the Department extends time once create any expectation that it will do so again.

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- C. The failure of any condition required during the licensure process, or as listed above, may result in the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order, as the Department deems necessary.
- D. Unless terminated sooner or otherwise ordered, this Order shall automatically terminate upon the Department's issuance of a license under the Knox-Keene Act to Healthcare Advantage.

Dated: June 17, 2005

LUCINDA EHNES, Director Department of Managed Health Care

By:

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